

# COLUMBA CORONATA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* rectum, versus apicem descendens.

*Nares* oblongæ, membrana molli tumida semitectæ.

*Lingua* integra.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 279.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

COLUMBA orbitis nigris, crista erecta, corpore cærulescente, humeris ferrugineis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 282.

Phasianus cristatus Indicus.

*Briss. av.* 1. p. 279. t. 26.

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Ob molem insolitam et quasi giganteam ad tribum gallinaceam potius quam columbinam referri debere hanc avem nonnullis physicis visum est. Characteres autem manifesti et dubio carentes fere primo visu verum genus evidenter denotant. In insulis Moluccis generatur Columba coronata, et in avibus elegantissimis proculdubio meretur numerari. Vocem emittit quasi palumbis, adeo tamen raucam et sonoram, ut subtimuisse dicantur nautæ quibus præfuit

præfuit Dominus Bouganvillius, exaudito cantu gemibundo, in viis horridis et sylvestribus, ubi primo insederant; suspicati strepitum seu ululatum esse hostilem indigenarum ferorum, bellum ex insidiis meditantem. In Europam viva sæpius nuper invecta est hæc avis, et in magno pretio habetur ab iis quibus curæ est rariora animalium genera colligere.





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THE  
CROWNED PIGEON.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* strait, descending towards the tip.

*Nostrils* oblong, half covered by a soft tumid membrane.

*Tongue* entire.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Blue-grey PIGEON, with large compressed upright crest, purple-brown shoulders with a white spot, and red eyes.

Great CROWNED PIGEON.

*Edw. pl.* 338.

Le Faisan couronné des Indes.

*Buff.* 2. p. 354. 542.

*Pl. Enl.* 118.

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The gigantic size of this species, which is not far short of that of a Turkey, has caused some naturalists to place it rather among the gallinaceous tribe than in the genus *Columba*. Its characters are

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however so clearly and decisively marked as to declare at once its real and proper genus. It is undoubtedly one of the most elegant of birds, and is a native of some of the Molucca islands. Its voice resembles that of the wood-pigeon, but in so loud and hoarse a tone, that it is recorded of some of Mons. Bougainville's sailors, that they were greatly alarmed on hearing it for the first time, in the wild and unfrequented spots of some islands on which they landed; supposing it to have proceeded from the savage cries of hostile and concealed natives. This bird has frequently been brought alive into Europe, and is considered as one of the greatest ornaments of the Menagerie.